

our fellow student, Morris Dees. Together, they would go on to form a lucrative direct marketing business selling cookbooks and other items. This business would make Millard a millionaire by the time he reached the young age of 29. When his work and devotion to monetary success began to threaten his personal relationships, however, Millard and Linda made the decision to simplify their lives by selling their possessions and dedicating their lives to their Christian values.

In 1965, Millard and Linda moved to Koinonia Farm in south Georgia. It was there that Millard and Linda met and became close friends with the farm's founder, Clarence Jordan. Clarence and Millard had much in common and together they developed the concept of a housing program that would provide no-interest loans to people to build modest homes. This idea eventually grew into Habitat for Humanity.

In 1976, from a tiny house in Americus, GA, Millard and Linda established Habitat for Humanity. Today, the organization has built more than 300,000 houses around the world, providing more than 1.5 million people in more than 3,000 communities with safe, decent, affordable shelter. In April 2009, Habitat for Humanity's Alabama State Support Organization will celebrate the completion of its 1,500th house.

Millard is loved and will be missed by his wife Linda and their four children. He will also be missed by the thousands of volunteers who found inspiration through his dedication. It is because of Millard that thousands of people across the world have a place to call home. I ask this entire Senate to join me in recognizing and honoring the life of Millard Fuller.●

HONORING MAINE OXY

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, at a time when our Nation is involved in a global war on terrorism, thousands of lives are disrupted as members of our armed services head off to war. One aspect that is often overlooked is the profound impact a deployment can have on a servicemember's civilian career. I wish today to commend a small business from my home State of Maine that has made a veritable commitment to ensuring that those serving our country are seamlessly reintegrated into the workforce upon their return from Active Duty, and their families taken care of while they are gone.

Maine Oxy is an Auburn-based company that specializes in welding, as well as industrial and specialty gases. A third generation family managed firm, Maine Oxy was founded in 1929 by Joseph W. Albiston as Maine Gas Service, which at that time provided sales and service to home propane customers. Six years later, Maine Oxy began providing welding supplies and industrial gases for customers throughout Androscoggin County, in central Maine. Since that time, Maine Oxy has expanded to serve three States in eight

locations, including a state-of-the-art acetylene production facility. It has also established a cutting-edge Spec Air gas manufacturing laboratory, as well as the New England School of Metalwork, with programs in welding and blacksmithing, as part of its sustained growth.

As a company that truly looks after its own, Maine Oxy has excelled in assisting its employees who serve in the military. Three such members from Maine Oxy's Auburn facility—Robert Smith, Kirby Touchette, and Scott St. Pierre—were all recently called up to Active Duty as combat engineers. During their deployment, Maine Oxy assisted the servicemembers by sending them care packages, and also aided their families by helping them with various chores, including chopping firewood for one the families that needed it. Even now, Maine Oxy continues to send dozens of care packages to troops in Iraq.

Upon their return, the three deployed employees were encouraged to make use of their maximum allocated 90-day entitlement of time off before returning to work. Moreover, the company was flexible in allowing for follow-up medical appointments. Finally, the firm rehired the employees and promoted them to new positions, thereby allowing their replacement workers to maintain employment as well.

Maine has one of the highest percentages of veterans in the country at roughly 16 percent of the State's population. Our State is seeing hundreds of new veterans each year returning from combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. As such, it is heartening to see companies like Maine Oxy standing ready to assist its veteran employees in such a broad and altruistic manner. Thank you to Bruce Albiston, Maine Oxy's Chief Executive Officer, and everyone at Maine Oxy for their selfless support of their colleagues, and best wishes for their future success.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:30 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1127. An act to extend certain immigration programs.

MEASURES DISCHARGED

The following measure was discharged from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 44. An act to implement the recommendations of the Guam War Claims Review Commission; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 146. An act to establish a battlefield acquisition grant program for the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY for the Committee on the Judiciary.

David S. Kris, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Elena Kagan, of Massachusetts, to be Solicitor General of the United States.

Thomas John Perrelli, of Virginia, to be Associate Attorney General.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEAHY, from the Committee on the Judiciary, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 386. A bill to improve enforcement of mortgage fraud, securities fraud, financial institution fraud, and other frauds related to federal assistance and relief programs, for the recovery of funds lost to these frauds, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 527. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to prohibit the issuance of permits under title V of that Act for certain emissions from agricultural production; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DODD, Mr. BROWN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 528. A bill to prevent voter caging; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. KERRY, and Ms. SNOWE):

S. 529. A bill to assist in the conservation of rare fields and rare canids by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of countries within the range of rare felid and rare canid populations and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of rare felid and rare canid populations; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. 530. A bill to extend Federal recognition to the Muscogee Nation of Florida; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. 531. A bill to provide for the conduct of an in-depth analysis of the impact of energy